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FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR U.S. DEL TO SUBJECT MEETING IS
KEYED TO AGENDA (DAF/MTC/75.1)

1. AGENDA (DAF/MTC/75.1) OKAY.

2. SUMMARY RECORD (DAF/MTC/74.32) IS SATISFACTORY
FROM U.S. STANDPOINT.

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3. DAF/MTC/75.3 - DEL MAY AGREE TO SECRETARIAT SUGGESTION THAT IT ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON MANNING SCALES AND PERSONNEL COSTS OF FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE VESSELS.

4. DAF/MTC/74.27, 1ST REVISIONS. CONCLUSIONS DO NOT POSE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS FOR U.S. U.S. MAY AGREE TO SECRETARIAT PREPARING FINAL REPORT.

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THERE APPEARS TO BE MERIT
IN THE RECOMMENDATION TO ENCOURAGE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANS, PARTICULARLY, IMCO, TO PURSUE MATTER OF SUBSTANDARD VESSEL OPERATIONS. ON PAGE 4, PARA 11 OF THE REPORT, US DEL SHOULD INDICATE NAME OF AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON FLAGS OF NECESSITY HAS BEEN CHANGED TO FEDERATION OF AMERICAN CONTROLLED SHIPPING. MANY OF THE FRENCH PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN DAF/MTC/74.48 ARE UNREALISTIC. U.S. DEL MAY SUPPORT INCLUSION IN FINAL REPORT OF ONLY THOSE ITEMS THAT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE CONSIDERED BY IMCO AND ON WHICH THERE IS CONSENSUS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO REFER FRENCH PROPOSALS TO MTC, U.S. DEL MAY AGREE THERETO. DAF/MTC/75.4 CONTAINS UK PROPOSAL MADE AT IMCO MSC 31ST SESSION THAT IMCO MIGHT PERHAPS UNDERTAKE SOME FORM OF INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WITH RESPECT TO SUBSTANDARD VESSELS. USG HAS NO POSITION PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME, BUT MATTER IS EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT MARCH SESSION OF THE MSC.
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